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Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate comprising:
 - ~~(a) a chassis carrying a plurality of aligned wheels; and~~
 - (a) a skate boot comprising including an outsole and an upper for enclosing and supporting a human foot, said upper comprising a bottom portion; said outsole including means for mounting said chassis to said skate boot, said outsole further including a resilient component inserted thereto for reducing shocks and vibrations transferred from said chassis to the human foot;
 - (b) a chassis carrying a plurality of aligned wheels, said chassis being mounted to said skate boot; and
 - (c) an outsole covering said bottom portion of said upper, said outsole comprising a heel portion having a cavity and a resilient component inserted within said cavity for reducing shocks and vibrations transferred from said chassis to the human foot.
2. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 1 wherein said ~~comprises a heel portion and a front portion, said heel portion including a outsole~~ comprises a fork-like structure having upper and lower platforms defining a space therebetween said cavity within which for receiving said resilient component is inserted.
3. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 2 wherein said upper platform and said lower platform branch out from an intersecting portion of said fork-like structure, said upper platform and said lower platform being adapted to flex at said intersecting portion for compressing said resilient component when one of said aligned wheels abuts an obstacle said in-line roller skate is in normal use.
4. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 3 wherein said resilient component is made of rubber or other suitable elastomeric material.

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5. (Previously presented) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 4 wherein said resilient component comprises at least one air pocket.
6. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 2 wherein further comprising a rear mounting bracket extending downwardly from said lower platform. said mounting bracket comprising co-axial apertures for mounting said skate boot to a rear portion of said chassis ~~to said outsole extends from said lower platform.~~
7. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 2, further comprising a second resilient member mounted between a front portion of said skate boot and a front portion of said chassis.
8. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 7 wherein said second resilient member is made of rubber or other suitable elastomeric material.
9. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 8 wherein said chassis comprises two parallel rails and a bridge portion connecting a front portion of said rails, said second resilient member resting on said bridge portion.
10. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate comprising:
 - (a) a skate boot comprising including an outsole and an upper for enclosing and supporting a human foot, said upper comprising a bottom portion; and
 - (b) a chassis carrying a plurality of aligned wheels, said chassis being mounted to said skate boot; and
 - (c) ~~wherein said outsole comprises a resilient component inserted thereto for reducing~~ checks and vibrations transferred from said chassis to the human foot, said outsole further comprising a heel portion and a front portion, said heel portion including an outsole covering said bottom portion of said upper, said outsole comprising a heel portion comprising a fork-like structure having upper and lower platforms defining a space therebetween for receiving said a resilient component, said upper

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and lower platforms branching out from an intersecting portion of said fork-like structure and being adapted to flex at said intersecting portion for compressing said resilient component when one of said aligned wheels abuts an obstacle said in-line roller skate is in normal use.

11. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate as defined claim 10 wherein said resilient component is made of ~~rubber or other suitable~~ elastomeric material.
12. (Previously presented) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 10 wherein said resilient component comprises at least one air pocket.
13. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 10 ~~wherein said outsole comprises~~ further comprising a rear mounting bracket extending downwardly from said lower platform ~~for mounting a rear portion of said chassis to said skate boot.~~
14. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 13 ~~wherein said outsole comprises~~ further comprising a front mounting bracket extending downwardly from a front portion of said outsole for mounting a front portion of said chassis to said skate boot.
15. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in any one of claim 14, further comprising a second resilient member mounted between said front portion of said outsole and said front portion of said chassis.
16. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 15 wherein said second resilient member is made of rubber or other suitable elastomeric material.
17. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 16 wherein said chassis comprises two parallel rails and a bridge portion connecting a front portion of said two rails, said second resilient member resting on said bridge portion.

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18. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 10 wherein said chassis is integrally connected to said outsole.
19. (Withdrawn) An ice skate comprising:
- (a) a skate boot upper for enclosing and supporting a human foot;
 - (b) an outsole mounted to said skate boot upper; and
 - (c) a blade holder having front and rear pedestals and a bridge portion connecting said front and rear pedestals, said blade holder being mounted to said outsole;
- wherein said outsole comprises a resilient component inserted thereto for reducing shocks and vibrations, said outsole further comprising a fork-like structure having upper and lower platforms defining a space therebetween for receiving said resilient component, said upper and lower platforms branching out from an intersection portion of said fork-like structure and being adapted to flex at said intersection portion for compressing said resilient component.
20. (Withdrawn) An ice skate as defined in claim 19 wherein said blade holder is integrally connected to said outsole.
21. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 6 further comprising a front mounting bracket extending downwardly from a front portion of said outsole for mounting a front portion of said chassis to said skate boot.
22. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 21 wherein said skate boot further comprises a midsole enclosed between said bottom portion of said upper and said front portion of said outsole.
23. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 14 wherein said skate boot further comprises a midsole enclosed between said bottom portion of said upper and said front portion of said outsole.

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24. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate comprising:
- (a) a skate boot having an upper for enclosing and supporting a human foot, said upper comprising a bottom portion;
 - (b) a chassis carrying a plurality of aligned wheels, said chassis being mounted to said skate boot; and
 - (c) an outsole covering said bottom portion of said upper, said outsole comprising a heel portion having a cavity and a resilient component entirely confined within said cavity.
25. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 24 wherein said heel portion comprises a fork-like structure having upper and lower platforms defining said cavity.
26. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 25 wherein said upper platform and said lower platform branch out from an intersecting portion of said fork-like structure, said upper platform and said lower platform being adapted to flex at said intersecting portion for compressing said resilient component when one of said aligned wheels abuts an obstacle.
27. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 26 wherein said resilient component is made of elastomeric material.
28. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 27 wherein said resilient component comprises at least one air pocket.
29. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 28 further comprising a rear mounting bracket extending downwardly from said lower platform, said mounting bracket comprising co-axial apertures for mounting said skate boot to a rear portion of said chassis.

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30. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 29 further comprising a front mounting bracket extending downwardly from a front portion of said outsole for mounting a front portion of said chassis to said skate boot.
31. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 30 wherein said skate boot further comprises a midsole enclosed between said bottom portion of said upper and said front portion of said outsole.